

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1747

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2009

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for the design, acquisition, and construction of a combined buoy tender-icebreaker to replace icebreaking capacity on the Great Lakes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes Ice-
3 breaker Replacement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) five of the Coast Guard’s Great Lakes ice-
7 breakers are nearing the end of their useful lives;

8 (2) two other Coast Guard icebreaking assets
9 have experienced difficulty in heavy ice conditions;

10 (3) during the spring of 2008, United States-
11 flag vessels operating on the Great Lakes suffered
12 more than \$1,300,000 in damages to their hulls be-
13 cause the Coast Guard did not have enough assets
14 available to keep Great Lakes shipping lanes open;

15 (4) during the 2006–2007 ice season, ship-
16 ments of iron ore, coal, and limestone on the Great
17 Lakes exceeded 20,000,000 tons;

18 (5) during the 2006–2007 ice season, the trans-
19 portation of 10,400,000 tons of iron ore on the
20 Great Lakes helped support 100,000 jobs at steel
21 mills and 300,000 jobs at supplier industries by
22 keeping those industries working during the winter
23 season; and

24 (6) the 6,400,000 tons of coal shipped on the
25 Great Lakes during the 2006–2007 ice season kept
26 the Great Lakes region supplied with electricity.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated \$153,000,000
3 for necessary expenses of the Coast Guard for the design,
4 acquisition, and construction of a combined buoy tender-
5 icebreaker to replace icebreaking capacity on the Great
6 Lakes, to remain available until expended.

Passed the House of Representatives April 27, 2009.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.